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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Basket Ball Team Loses Game To Independence

MISSES TODD AND DAVIS ENTERTAIN Several Members of the Faculty Have Left Monmouth For The Holidays

Social life at the Normal School was rather active last week. Each day had not only its quota of work but also its share of social pleasure. One of the most enjoyable social events was the dinner given by Misses Todd and Davis on Wednesday evening at the dormitory in honor of the faculty and their wives.

Five-thirty was the hour, and in keeping with Normal School custom, every faculty member was there on the dot. The guests were cordially received by the hostesses and were bidden stand in line and wait the appearance of the students who were to take part in the festivities.

Then a "choir invisible of angel voices" was heard far away singing a beautiful Christmas carol. Nearer and nearer it came and proved to be the students. They were dressed in white and in addition each wore a small piece of holly and a very large smile. The students took their respective places at their own table and then a representative from each table came and sought out two members of the faculty and they were taken as special guests to that table. A delicious dinner was served.

After dinner all the guests were ushered into the beautiful and spacious parlor where they found a Christmas tree. The room was in darkness and Miss Todd, in a most happy manner, told the story of the tree. She explained that light might be restored to the tree if all would unite with her and pull one of the magic cords and pronounce the magic words: "Joe, Joe, Joe Bell." All united. Each pulled his cord and pronounced the magic words. Each cord was attached to a dainty hood which concealed a diminutive electric bulb. The hood came off, the magic juice came on and there stood revealed to the admiration of all a most resplendent tree wearing its veil of tinsel, bedecked with its crowns, coronets, and halos. Among its boughs birds twittered, frogs croaked and countless dainty fairies held high carnival. Each one present caught a bird, a frog or a fairy and it was kept as a fortune piece for the hour and taken home as a souvenir of the occasion.

A happy hour was spent in jokes, pranks, stunts, and conversation. Each moment had its surprise, its peculiar pleasure. One of the happy surprises of the evening was a handsome present for Misses Todd and Davis, each given by the girls of the dormitory and presented by Mr. Butler.

Suddenly the mirth ceased, the happy Christmas carol was resumed, the young ladies marched

away in couples to rooms above and as the sound of their voices died away in the distance, the faculty members quietly took their leave. They were full of dinner and overflowing with appreciation and gratitude. Girls in their rooms said: "Didn't we have a good time?" Faculty members even yet meet and say: "Really, wasn't that fine?"

The three literary societies at the Normal School, Vespertines, Delphians and Normals certainly did themselves proud in the presentation of "Christmas in Other Lands" on Thursday evening. This program was given as a joint literary program of the societies, consisting in a presentation of the Christmas ceremonies, festivities and legends of England, Germany, Spain, Norway, Italy, Holland and France, as well as our own America. The various customs of these countries were carried out in costume, showing the peculiarities of each in their way of celebration, as well as their method of distributing their gifts of good will and love and affection. During the American celebration the real Santa Claus was introduced, which gave the real American idea of these practices. The program furnished an evening of real information, as well as of pleasure and merrymaking. Two trees had been arranged by the society, upon which were to be found presents for every member of the school and faculty, and since the value of the present was limited in cost by mutual agreement there was a world of good fun in the methods of "take offs" which were displayed. Mr. Gilmore, of the Science Department, rendered a vocal solo and was roundly encored. The Normal School Orchestra, under the direction of Miss Hoham, furnished the music for the evening. The orchestra is making marked advance in its work, and all really appreciated the music which they gave. Credit is due to the critics of the literary societies, as well as the various committees for the success of the evening, as all went away with the true Christmas spirit.

President Ackerman and Mr. Pittman went to Dallas Saturday night to attend the meeting of the Principals of Polk County, the principal speaker at which was Supt. J. A. Churchill. They report a most interesting meeting.

President Ackerman and most of the members of the faculty were in attendance at the State Teachers' association in Salem the forepart of the week. Pres. Ackerman gave the President's address on Monday afternoon, Mr. Pittman, Miss Hoham, Mr. Gilmore, President Ackerman, Miss Parrott, and Mr. Evenden spoke in the several departments, and Miss Hoham took the children of the training school orchestra over Tuesday morning, as they appeared on the program that afternoon. The entire session was one of interest and instruction, and much credit is due President Ackerman and the members of the committee who

REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Date Is Set For Irrigation Congress

GREAT FLOOD OF EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS To Pacific Coast Was Rumored As Soon As Panama Canal Was Opened

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—February 12-14 is the date set for 1914 meeting of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, which will be held in Portland at the Imperial Hotel. The executive committee is busy preparing a tentative program that will be worked out the program and carried it thru with such success.

Several members of the faculty have left Monmouth for the holidays. Miss Kennon will visit with friends in Portland, Miss Parrott at her home in Roseburg, Miss Brenton with her sister in Medford, Miss West with her mother in California, Miss Taylor at her home in Tacoma, and the other members will remain the most part of the time at their homes in Monmouth.

On Friday morning, December 19, Miss Dawson represented the faculty during the chapel period, taking for her subject, "A Few Glimpses of Chicago," and told of the Art Institute, Stock Yards, and other points of interest. Her descriptions of the paintings and statues at the Institute were very interesting, and gave the students and faculty a clear idea of some of the beautiful paintings which are there. Also, her description of the stock-yards and their operations were most instructive.

Rev. Bruce Wolverton, of Portland, was a visitor at assembly Friday morning.

The basket ball team from the Normal played a matched game with Independence High School team on last Friday evening. The game resulted in a score of 16 to 15 in favor of Independence. The boys report a good, clean, fast game, and are pleased with the reception tendered them. They were accompanied by Mr. Gilmore, who has been coaching them, and by a large crowd of students who did their share by yells and cheers in helping the team. They all speak in praise of the treatment by our neighbor team. We hope that contests may continue, as they furnish excellent training and amusement for the lovers of the game.

The training school fell in with the Christmas spirit and the various grades had their Christmas program with a Christmas tree. The program consisted of songs, and recitations, with folk dancing and dramatization, typifying the nativity, etc. An imitable Santa Claus was also in evidence, and some very interesting and clever numbers were on the program.

The Normal takes this occasion to express the seasons' greetings to the kind citizens of the town and friends of the Normal over the state, and wish them a very Happy New Year.

announced shortly.

It is planned to give a banquet on the night of February 12 for the delegates to the Congress in celebration of the effective work done at the last Congress. This banquet will be given under the auspices of the Central Oregon Delegation.

About 40 organizations of water-users, ditch owners and commercial bodies are associated with the congress and each will send five delegates. It is expected that 250 delegates will be present.

That the Pacific Coast has ample time to prepare for an ultimate influx of European immigrants, is apparent from reports received by the Oregon State Immigration Commission. This conclusion has been reached by that office after making an extensive investigation in cooperation with the Oregon Development League, of reported sales of thousands of steamship tickets on the installment plan to prospective immigrants via the Panama Canal is without foundation.

Rumors that a great flood of European immigrants was to pour upon the Pacific Coast as soon as the Panama Canal was open, has created great anxiety amongst civic organizations. The Oregon State Immigration Commission felt that if such a throng was actually in prospect, it was incumbent upon the Commission to ascertain what provisions could be made for distribution of arriving aliens away from the congested centers.

So far as a thorough investigation could disclose, no steamship company has yet quoted passenger rates for immigrants via the canal, and no such tickets are being sold either for cash or on the installment plan. Persistence of the old rumors caused this office to make such investigations and the reports now in hand from the American Consuls stationed at the important ports of Europe, utterly discredit the rumors of a direct Pacific Coast immigration.

The State of Oregon is especially well equipped through its commercial organizations banded together to handle any possible inflow of agricultural immigration. The Atlantic Coast states have not and never had such an organization as exists in this state for the distribution of agriculturists upon the soils of Oregon.

Ultimately positive that the favorable climate and inviting opportunities of the Pacific Coast will attract a large immigration from Europe through the canal, still the Immigration Commission feels no alarm over any immediate overwhelming influx.

Millinery Notice

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THE CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION

Orders Claims Against City To Be Paid

CHANGE OF METER RATES LAID OVER

City Recorder Allowed Five Dollars Per Month For Collecting Water Rent

The common council of the city of Monmouth met Tuesday evening, all members present except J. W. White. Following is a record of the business done:

Claims against the city as per following list were audited and ordered to be paid:

| ON GENERAL FUND | |
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| J. A. Sturkin, marshals salary | \$15.00 |
| F. Morlan, labor on street | 2.50 |
| Winegar & Lorence, mdse | 3.65 |
| D. C. McNeil, blacksmithing | .70 |
| Monmouth Herald, printing | 6.00 |
| J. F. McClellan, street work | 10.50 |
| Skinner & Larson, gravel | 22.50 |
| D. E. Stitt, Recorders fees and stamps | 15.00 |
| Total | \$75.85 |

| ON WATER FUND | |
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| J. A. Sturkin, salary | \$85.00 |
| Frank Moreland, labor | 36.50 |
| Winegar & Lorence, pipe fixtures | 11.55 |
| J. A. Sturkin, labor on pump charged to Fairbanks, Morse & Company | 15.00 |
| D. E. Stitt, col. water rent | 5.00 |
| J. F. McClellan, labor | 6.00 |
| W. A. Bradley, labor | 3.00 |
| Total | \$162.05 |

The city recorder presented his financial report for the current year: Amount of collections for license being \$102.50. Amount of collections on Water Fund being \$1,956.90. The report was read and passed to the auditing committee.

A motion prevailed allowing the city recorder \$5 a month for collecting the water rent.

The amendment to the meter rates of the water ordinance was laid over.

The council then adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, December 30, at 7:30 o'clock, to finish up the business of the meeting.

Farmer Knocked Down And Robbed On Bridge

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 24.—While on his way to Albany last night from his home in Benton County, Olin Bryant was attacked by two men, on the steel bridge, who struck him with some heavy instrument knocking him down. The men took what money he had, about \$5, and left their victim lying on the bridge. Getting up, Bryant started to return home but hearing a team approaching told the driver his experience and was taken to town, where his injuries, which proved to be only slight, were attended. The police was notified and made an immediate search, but without result. The bridge is not lighted, and it was impossible for Bryant to give a very good description of his assailants.

Zook, the paper hanger, will do your painting for you.